

**MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019 AT 11:30 A.M. AT MARKET STREET GRILL,
2985 EAST COTTONWOOD PARKWAY (6580 SOUTH), COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS,
UTAH**

Present: Mayor Mike Peterson, Council Member Mike Shelton, Council Member Scott Bracken, Council Member Tali C. Bruce, Council Member Christine Mikell, City Manager Tim Tingey, City Attorney Shane Topham, Police Chief Robby Russo, City Recorder/HR Manager Paula Melgar, Community and Economic Development Director Michael Johnson, Public Works Director Matt Shipp, Finance and Administrative Services Director S. Scott Jurgens, Lobbyist Greg Curtis, Senator Kathleen Riebe, Lobbyist Brian Allen, Representative Steve Eliason, Representative Marie Poulsen, Lobbyist Chantel Nate, Representative Robert M. Spendlove, Senator Kirk Cullimore, Jr., Utah League of Cities and Town Executive Director Cameron Diehl, Utah League of Cities and Towns Director of Government Relations Rachel Otto

1. Welcome and Introductions – Mayor Peterson.

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

2. Cottonwood Heights City Contacts/Lobbyists – Mayor Peterson.

3. Utah League of Cities and Towns – Cameron Diehl, ULCT Executive Director, Rachel Otto, Director of Government Relations.

Utah League of Cities and Towns Executive Director, Cameron Diehl, reported that the League represents all 248 cities and towns in the state. When bills come forward, they get input from as many cities as possible. Their goal is to make sure that the various municipalities understand the potential impacts of legislation. Last year, they tracked 301 bills. Mr. Diehl commented that currently local governments share sales tax dollars. 50% of the 1% sales tax will remain in the City while the remaining 50% goes into a state-wide pool that is redistributed according to population. That was the balance struck in 1983 amongst cities to balance commercial centers and bedroom communities.

Mr. Diehl stated that the focus of the legislative issues that will impact cities this year will be growth. They will address ways to prepare for the population growth that Utah is projected to face over the next 25 years and what that will mean to each city. Transit issues were mentioned. Mr. Diehl stated that transit funding will be a major item of discussion this legislative session as well as how to grow in a responsible way.

Director of Government Relations, Rachel Otto, provided those present with the Legislative Preview Guide that contains background information on their organization, addresses things they worked on over the past year, and provides a framework for how they view bills and evaluate legislation. Over the last year they have worked on housing, housing affordability, and affordable housing in conjunction with the Commission on Housing Affordability.

Ms. Otto reported that they have also worked with the Commission on Housing Affordability to get a bill in place that they are excited to promote. It includes planning and regulatory steps cities can take to avoid being a roadblock to progress on housing. They are committed to helping all of the other stakeholders see the role they play in the housing discussion.

Mr. Diehl stated that there is a Policy Committee in place that consists of elected officials and staff from cities around the state. The committee meets weekly during the legislative session to review legislation and ratify positions on legislation.

4. Local Governments Officials Day – Tim Tingey.

5. Discussion of Issues – Mayor Peterson, City Council Tim Tingey.

Land Use

- Local Control of Land Use Regulations;
- Fee Authority of Local Governments; and
- Referendum Legislation.

Issues of concern to the City were identified. With regard to land use, Mayor Peterson stated that Cottonwood Heights is one of eight jurisdictions serving on the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”). The State Legislature is also considering proposing legislation that will require the State to approve money as part of a request for a federal designation. Some of those involved with the CWC were identified. Issues were identified as transportation funding and Class B and C Road Funds.

Transportation Funding and Issues

- Class B and C Funds for Roads;
- Local Options for Transportation Funding; and
- Wasatch Boulevard and Canyon Impacts.

Mayor Peterson commented that with respect to transportation funding, the City is very concerned about the future of Wasatch Boulevard. The possibility of conducting a study was discussed. Parking issues were discussed. It was noted that a study was conducted a few years earlier.

The issue of schools was discussed. It was determined that the Canyon School District area is one of the most sought after. The quality of life is improving and housing prices are increasing. The retirement system, however, is a problem.

Tax Reform

- Inflationary Component to Property Tax; and
- Protect Local Option Sales Tax.

Air Quality

- Incentives for more sustainable options for residents and government.

Affordable Housing

- Local Input on the Issue.

Ranked Choice Voting

- Funding for Implementation

Public Safety

- Retirement Changes.

6. Legislator Input.

Proposed legislation was discussed that will impact the City.

7. Final Comments.

The Legislative Breakfast adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Cottonwood Heights City Legislative Breakfast held Thursday, January 10, 2019.

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